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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 31, 2006, applicants elect the invention of Group XLIII, drawn to the embodiment of claim 15. The election is made with traverse with respect to Groups XLIV-XLVIII.

Group XLIII and Groups XLIV-XLVIII are directed to methods of identifying an agent that modulates the formation of a FOXC2 protein complex by measuring the formation of a complex between a first polypeptide (containing the human FOXC2 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1) and a second polypeptide (containing the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7) in the presence of a candidate agent. As detailed in the working examples of the application, applicants have determined the proteins represented by SEQ ID NOS:2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 to be FOXC2-interacting proteins. Applying the Unity of Invention standard of PCT Rule 13 (the present application is a U.S. national phase of a PCT application), Groups XLIII –XLVIII all share the common special technical feature of screening for compounds that modulate the formation of a complex between FOXC2 protein and a FOXC2-interacting protein. As a result, applicants respectfully submit that Groups XLIII –XLVIII should be examined together in the present application.

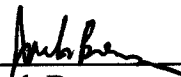
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Enclosed is a Petition for Four-Month Extension of Time. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 18909-005US1.

Respectfully submitted,

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